

## **GAME NOTES**

Trail Smoke Eaters at Wenatchee Wild





Tonight at Town Toyota Center, the Wenatchee Wild (19-8-2-1, 41 pts., 3rd Place Interior Div.) meet the Trail Smoke Eaters (19-9-2-0, 40 pts., 4th Place, Interior Div.) in the third of six regular season meetings.

**HEAD TO HEAD:** This game is the eighth regular season meeting all-time between these two clubs. The Wild are 4-3-0 all-time against the Smoke Eaters, and 1-1-0 at Town Toyota Center. Four of the last five games have been played in Trail, including both games this season. The last meeting was a 7-5 win for Trail on Nov. 1 at Cominco Arena. The Wild play one more time at Trail this season, on Wed. Jan. 3, 2018, then the Smoke Eaters return to Wenatchee on Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, the final two home games of the regular season.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Forward Jasper Weatherby (22g, 20a) leads the Wild in points (42) and is second for most points in the BCHL, followed by forward Lucas Sowder (10g, 21a) and defenseman Cooper Zech (6g, 24a), who has the second most points most among BCHL defensemen. Goalie Austin Park is 12-5-0 with a 2.51 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .897. Trail is led by Ross Armour (16g, 25a) and Kale Howarth (15g, 25a) though both are out tonight. Defenseman Jeremy Lucchini (3g, 24a) leads the Smoke Eaters blueliners. Goalie Tanner Marshall is 8-2-0 with a 3.32 GAA and .900 save pct.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**: WEN PP – 37/172 21.5% 4th WEN PK – 17/119 85.7% 2nd

TRA PP - 29/140 20.7% 7th TRA PK - 32/161 80.1% 13th

**LAST GAME:** Wenatchee had their comeback thwarted in West Kelowna, falling to the Warriors 4-3 in overtime on Saturday night. The Smoke Eaters were blanked 4-0 on the road Saturday night in Merritt.

**MOVING ON:** The Wild are back on the road this weekend with games at Merritt on Friday night and Prince George on Saturday night. Trail plays just once this weekend, as they visit West Kelowna on Saturday night.

**MEDIA:** Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:15 pm.

**TONIGHT'S PROMOTION:** Postgame Meet and Greet with autographs on the concourse featuring Noah Kim and Jared Christy.

**NEXT HOME GAMES:** Friday Dec 15 is Ladies Night, and Saturday Dec 16 is Teddy Bear Toss. Both games will be at 7:05 pm against the Salmon Arm Silverbacks.

## **TONIGHT'S GAME SPONSOR:**

